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First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Conducts Change of Command

DRAPER, Utah — First Battalion of the of the Utah National Guard's 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) will conduct a change of command Saturday, May 2, at 3 p.m. at the Camp Williams Readiness Center.

At the ceremony Lt. Col. Randy Watt will relinquish command to Lt. Col. James Slagowski.

Watt, of Ogden, has commanded the 1-19th since September 2007. During his 28 years of military service he has deployed numerous times, most recently to Afghanistan and Iraq in 2001-2002 and 2006-2007, respectively. In his civilian employment, Watt is assistant chief of the Ogden Police.

Slagowski is a Lehi resident and a 23-year veteran of the Utah National Guard. He is employed at Bank of American Fork. He has deployed twice to Afghanistan, in 2003-2004 and 2006-2007. He will assume command of 450 Soldiers.

For more information on the day of the event, please contact Maj. Paul Peters at (801) 694-4411.